

**DDS South Region
Regional Advisory and Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2020
6:00 PM
(via Teleconference)**

Members Participating: Chair Leslie Bridges-Parent, Lynn Arezzini, David Cassano, Carol Cooney, Barbara Deindorfer, Dawn DeMatteo, Heidi Earle, Kathleen Stauffer, and Thomas Dailey, DDS South Regional Director

Public Participation: None.

Scribe: Jolie Crescimano-Goss, DDS Executive Secretary

Chairperson's Report:

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

- **Citizen Comment** – Comments included:
 - Appreciation shared for DDS' efforts to keep families, providers, and individuals informed and supported to the extent possible during the pandemic
 - Concerns raised about lack of PPE for families
 - For virtual activities visit www.thearecct.org → Activities for You

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2020, meeting.*

- **Field Activity Report** – None presented.

Regional Director's Updates: Director Dailey updated the Council on the department's activities during the last month in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and on how providers are doing in the midst of the pandemic. Discussion ensued on the number of COVID-19 cases in the DDS community, the availability of testing, hospital protocols for people with ID, and the extension of the no visitor restrictions in residential settings.

Open Council Discussion: Council members commented on their and their loved one's individual experiences during the pandemic. Virtual programming has been meaningful for some.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jolie Crescimano-Goss

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Next Meeting: May 20, 2020 / 6:00 PM / Teleconference